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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) ~~In a~~ A low-deck vehicle comprising: an engine shaped like a letter V in the fore-and-aft direction suspended by upper frames ~~an upper frame~~ extending from a head pipe rearward and downward and down frames ~~a down frame~~ extending from the head pipe downward; and an air intake structure of the engine including air intake connecting hoses and an air cleaner disposed above the V-shaped engine,

wherein the air intake connecting hoses are disposed between V-shaped banks of the engine, the air intake connecting hoses are shaped like a letter V in the fore-and-aft direction, and disposed substantially along at least one of the upper frames frame and at least one of the down frames frame, and the air intake connecting hoses do not extend above the upper frames.

7. (Currently amended) ~~An air intake structure of an engine for a~~ The low-deck vehicle according to Claim 6, wherein spaces are defined between the upper frames and the down frames facing the sides of the respective air intake connecting hoses, and the spaces are of a trussed frame structure.

8. (Currently amended) ~~An air intake structure of an engine for a~~ The low-deck vehicle according to Claim 7, wherein the trussed frame structure includes a triangular space where a filter element of the air cleaner can be taken in and out.

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9. (Currently amended) ~~An air intake structure of an engine for a~~ The low-deck vehicle according to Claim 6, wherein the upper ~~frames extend~~ frame extends substantially linearly toward the rear to the position near a cylinder of a rear bank of the V-shape engine while inclining downward, and then extend to the position near a pivot of a rear wheel swing arm with less inclination.

10. (Currently amended) ~~An air intake structure of an engine for a~~ The low-deck vehicle according to Claim 6, comprising a radiator of the engine disposed forwardly of the head pipe.